

MORE AMERICANS ARE KILLED

VILLA TROOPS KILL TEN MEN

While Others' Bodies Are Recovered and Brought to City of El Paso.

HEADS ARE BLOWN OFF

Two English Women Are Also Said to Be among the Slain in Mexico.

EL PASO, Jan. 13.—A report was current in Chihuahua that ten American men and two English women had been killed by Villa troops at Madera, Chihuahua, according to Americans who arrived here early today with the bodies of the eighteen Americans who were killed Monday.

The report, however, could not be confirmed. One of the women reported killed was said to be the wife of Captain Jack Lestbridge, retired British army officer, who, with an English woman companion, a Mrs. Berry, had been staying at Babri-cora ranch, the Hearst property.

The bodies of the eighteen Americans killed Monday by Mexican bandits near Santa Ysabel, western Chihuahua, reached El Paso early today and were taken in charge by undertakers, preparatory to sending them to relatives in various parts of the country.

The body of Joseph Enders, reported to have been killed, was not among those arriving today.

F. E. Stevenson, secretary of the Mining and Smelters Men Association, of Chihuahua, who organized the party that recovered the bodies, said that the heads were almost blown off.

"The were stripped of clothing before being dragged out of the cars and killed," said Stevenson. "When we arrived at the scene of the massacre a Carranza guard remained at Santa Ysabel, where we found a number of the bandits encamped. We returned to the troop train to get a machine gun and then proceeded to the place where the bodies were heaped."

An expedition which left Chihuahua City to recover the bodies of the nineteen slain Americans were informed by the station agent at Santa Ysabel that Benjamin Snell and Frank Woods passed there bound west half an hour after the Watson train was reported in trouble. The station agent said he warned the two men to return but they said they feared no trouble. Nothing later was heard of the party and it is believed that they met the fate of the Watson train.

Mexican officials at Juarez were unable to confirm the reports that ten Americans and two English women had been murdered at Madera. They said troops were being despatched to that place.

ASSASSINS

Try to Kill Count Okuma, Japan Premier, with Bombs Hurling at Him.

TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 13.—Count Okuma, the Japanese premier, had a narrow escape from death early today at the hands of assassins. He was returning from the royal palace shortly after midnight and approaching his residence when two bombs were hurled at his automobile. The premier was not injured.

Okuma's chauffeur caught a glimpse of the bomb thrower as he was about to launch his missile and put on speed so that the bomb exploded behind the machine without causing any damage. A second bomb was thrown but it failed to explode. The assailant or assailants escaped.

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MISSION WORKER LOST ON PERSIA



Rev. Homer R. Salisbury.

Among the American reported to have lost their lives in the sinking of the steamer Persia in the Mediterranean was Homer L. Salisbury, the head of the Seventh Day Adventist missions service in Persia.

ARRESTED

At Cincinnati Is Young Man Arrested Here on Serious Charge.

George M. Fowler, superintendent of the Timpelman Coal Company, who was arrested at Cincinnati Wednesday will be brought back here Thursday night and will be given a hearing in Magistrate J. V. Carter's court in a day or two on charges of embezzling money from and making false entries in the books of the coal company.

Fowler was arrested recently for embezzling a small amount from the company and he was to be given a hearing on January 8. At the time set for his hearing he and his attorney appeared at the Magistrate's office but the representatives of the coal company failed to appear. Thinking that the charge had been dropped, Fowler left Tuesday evening for his home at Chicago.

The same evening Fowler left, officials of the coal company appeared at Magistrate Carter's office and said they were ready for the hearing, thinking that Fowler was to be given a hearing at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening. When they learned what had taken place an officer was sent in search of Fowler and was told that he had left for his home at Chicago. It was then that Sheriff Ross F. Stout wired the Cincinnati chief of police and had Fowler taken off the train there.

HEARING THURSDAY NIGHT.

Vendel Janicak, a Columbia Mine foreigner, will be given a hearing at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court on a charge of threatening to kill Ignace Stoppok, a fellow countryman. The trouble occurred Wednesday afternoon and Janicak was arrested Wednesday evening by Constable Charles L. Ford.

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TO HOLD STATE MEETING HERE

Sons of the Revolution Select Clarksburg for Annual Gathering.

At a special meeting of the board of governors of the West Virginia Society of the Sons of the Revolution held Wednesday afternoon at the Waldo hotel, Clarksburg, was designated as the place for holding the society's annual meeting and banquet, which are always held February 22, Washington's birthday. The meeting was called for the purpose by Charles I. Tickman, of Clarksburg, president of the society.

The following committee on banquet and entertainment was selected for the occasion: Harvey F. Smith, chairman; Charles L. Hickman and Charles H. Harding, all of Clarksburg.

It was also arranged that the banquet and entertainment committee will make extensive arrangements for the entertainment of their guests in Clarksburg, including a delightful banquet to be held on the evening of February 22. A business meeting for the general transaction of business and the election of new members will be held in Clarksburg the afternoon of February 22. This meeting will be followed by the banquet at night.

The committee expects an attendance of at least fifty members at the annual meeting.

The board of governors consists of Charles L. Hickman, Colonel Henry Haymond and Harvey F. Smith, of Clarksburg; A. B. White, of Parkersburg; and Baird Mitchell, of Wheeling. The members of the board were all present except Messrs. White and Mitchell.

DECISION RESERVED

By Magistrate in Prohibition Case against Edward Nelson, Colored.

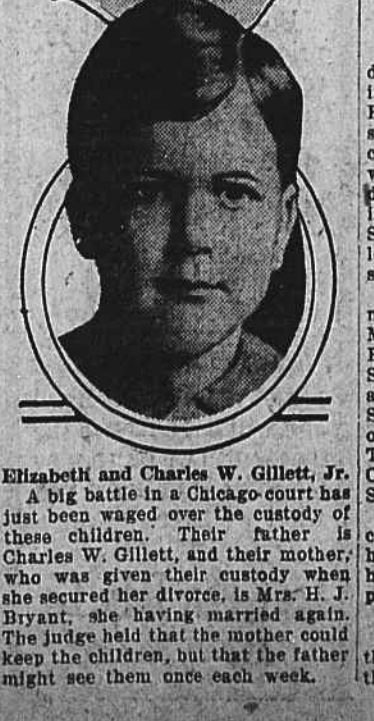
Edward Wilson, colored, was given a hearing in Magistrate J. V. Carter's court Wednesday night for violating the prohibition law. Magistrate Carter reserved his decision until he could have time to consider the evidence.

Wilson was arrested at his room in a stable in Traders alley, recently by Laco Wolfe and other deputy sheriffs. Several pints of whiskey were found locked in a chest in his room. This was confiscated and used as evidence against him.

BRIDGE BLOWN UP.

SALONIKI, Jan. 13.—The important railroad bridge over the Struma river at Demir-Hissar has been blown up by French engineers as a precautionary measure.

COURT BATTLE WAGED OVER THEIR CUSTODY



Elizabeth and Charles W. Gillett, Jr.

Stathers Announces For Attorney General



BIRK S. STATHERS

WESTON, Jan. 13.—Birk S. Stathers, well known Weston lawyer, has just issued a formal announcement from his home here of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for attorney general.

"For some time," Mr. Stathers stated, "I have been seriously considering whether or not I should become a candidate for attorney general. After a careful canvass and survey of the state on the part of myself and my friends, I have decided to enter the June primaries. I shall make a vigorous campaign and with the enthusiastic support already assured me I feel confident I will be nominated."

Birk Smith Stathers was born at Middlebourne, Tyler county, July 13, 1884, lived in Wheeling several years, moved to Weston in 1896 and has lived there ever since. He was graduated from the Weston high school in 1901, entered West Virginia University the same year and was graduated from the latter institution in 1905, with the degree of bachelor of arts. The same year he was admitted to the bar and associated in the practice of the law with W. W. Brannon, one of the oldest and ablest lawyers in the state, and formed a partnership with him in 1909. The firm has had an extensive

DROWNED

Are Members of United States Army in Galveston Channel in State of Texas.

GALVESTON, Tex., Jan. 13.—Captain Edward P. Nones, medical corps, U. S. A., attached to the coast artillery post at Fort Crockett, and three privates of the coast artillery corps were drowned in the Galveston channel today when the boat J. B. 16 was run down and sunk by the tank steamer Charles E. Hardwood, outward bound for Tampico. Captain Nones's home was in Louisville, Ky.

FUNERAL

Of R. H. Townsend Will Be Held at Webster Springs Saturday.

R. H. Townsend, aged 88 years, died at 1:40 o'clock Thursday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Brooks Watkins, 190 East Pike street, a short illness. Mr. Townsend contracted a severe cold and as he was not strong he lasted only a few days. The funeral services and burial will be held at Webster Springs Saturday. The funeral party will leave here Friday morning for Webster Springs.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man are Miss Maud Townsend, of Mill Creek; Mrs. J. M. Curry, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Mrs. Mary Dix, of Shawnee, Okla.; Mrs. Abbie Hamrick and Mrs. Mary Skidmore, of Webster Springs; and Mrs. Brooks Watkins, of this city, daughters; and R. L. Townsend, of Washington, D. C.; and Charles Townsend, of Webster Springs, sons.

Mr. Townsend had resided in this city for the last three years, coming here from Webster Springs. While here he made many friends who were pained to hear of his death.

H. B. Walker, district manager for the Fryck and Lindsay Company, is in the city.

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CITY'S CAPTURE LIKELY IS TRUE

Russian Offensive in Galicia is Probably Not Suspended as Reported.

SECOND OBJECT ATTAINED

Entente Military Experts Are Trying to Reason Out Some Suppositions.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The news from the eastern front of the capture of Sadagura is regarded in military circles as probably true, although official announcement on the subject has not been received. The town, which lies a few miles northeast of Czernowitz and is a converging point for five good roads, is of considerable strategic importance and previous attempts to capture it have been stoutly resisted. Experts say Sadagura is really of more importance than Czernowitz, on account of its stronger natural positions and facilities for communication purposes.

The report from Petrograd that the offensive in Galicia and Bessarabia had been suspended for the present is regarded as at least premature. The Russian offensive could not, it is believed, be suspended suddenly as it was undertaken after careful preparation and launched with unexpected strength. The object of that offensive is said to be threefold: to demonstrate to the Roumanians that the Russian forces are able to assume the offensive when they choose; secondly to divert Austro-German forces from the Balkan and western fronts and finally to improve the general strategic position of their own left flank.

While the full effect of this Russian offensive cannot yet be determined, Entente military experts affirm that the second object was attained, that the situation in the Balkans was relieved, and that the operations undertaken by the Germans against the French in Champagne was robbed of its force.

The fact that the French flag is now waving over the palace on the island of Corfu, which belonged to the German Emperor, and that the occupation of the Greek island by the Entente is considered as complete, has, it is reported, already evoked a protest from the Greek government. It is said that the protest is largely formal and that the Allies have given Greece guarantees regarding their intention. Greece, it is understood, takes a sympathetic view of the Entente action as it is for the purpose of preventing the Serbian army from risking the danger of starvation.

The German offensive in Champagne, which reached its culmination Sunday, is reported from French headquarters as having been undertaken on an important scale and with a definite purpose. The failure is said to have been complete, and the strong German forces, which were employed, suffered terrible losses. The Austrian forces are steadily developing their campaign in Montenegro, and military experts believe the fall of Cetinje, the capital of Montenegro, is possible in the near future.

AUSTRIANS ADVANCING IN MITCHITZ SECTION

PARIS, Jan. 13.—Austrian forces advancing from Cattaro and Budna have reached Mitchitz, five miles from Antivari, which is being bombarded by the Austrian long range guns, according to a despatch under Tuesday's date.

The correspondent telegraphing from Scutari says that the Montenegrins aided by Serbian contingents are making a stout resistance although outnumbered five to one.

TEUTONIC ATTACK AT SALONIKI GROWS BIG

ROME, Jan. 13.—The attack of the Teutonic allies on the Entente forces defending Saloniki is being

HATFIELD'S COURSE IN PUBLIC SERVICE

As Well as That Relating to His Party Not Only Consistent but Most Helpful.

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REBELS ARE KILLED.
(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Jan. 13.—Many Chinese revolutionists were killed or captured in a series of bloody engagements on January 6, 7 and 8 in the districts of Tamsui, Potong, Yentzuwo and Pokio, according to information received from the Canton government by the British authorities at Hong Kong and forwarded by Reuter's Hong Kong correspondent.

SERBS STARVING

And Hundreds of Persons Are Dying Daily in Streets from Cold and Hunger.

PARIS, Jan. 13.—A Scutari telegram to the Serbian legation in Rome describes the situation in Scutari as approaching desperation. Food is lacking to feed thousands of women, children and refugees from Serbia, the latter arriving in large numbers, swelling the refugee colony already established.

The new arrivals are obliged to sleep in the open air in the bitter cold. It declares that hundreds are dying daily in the streets of cold and hunger.

MINERS OPPOSE

Through Their Federation the Bill for Compulsory Military Service in Great Britain.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Miners Federation of Great Britain, meeting in London today, resolved unanimously to oppose the bill for compulsory military service.

The federation empowered its president to call a further conference in the event that the bill becomes law to consider what additional steps should be taken.

HUERTA STILL ALIVE.

EL PASO, Jan. 13.—General Huerta, former provincial president of Mexico, reported last night as dying, was still alive early today. It was said he was growing weaker.

developed on a large scale, according to the Athens correspondent of the Giornale D'Italia, telegraphing under Tuesday's date. He reported that a bombardment of the British line in the Dolra zone proceeded all day Monday.

The German commander of the attacking forces, says the correspondent, will make use of German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish forces.

MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO EVACUATE THE CITY

PARIS, Jan. 13.—In view of the success of the Austrian offensive against Mount Lovcen, measures have been taken by the Montenegrin government to evacuate Cetinje immediately, according to a Scutari despatch, says the Petit Journal's Milan correspondent. The government, however, has decided to continue the struggle against the Austrians, the despatch adds.

M. Y. Heath is here from Charleston on a business mission.

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